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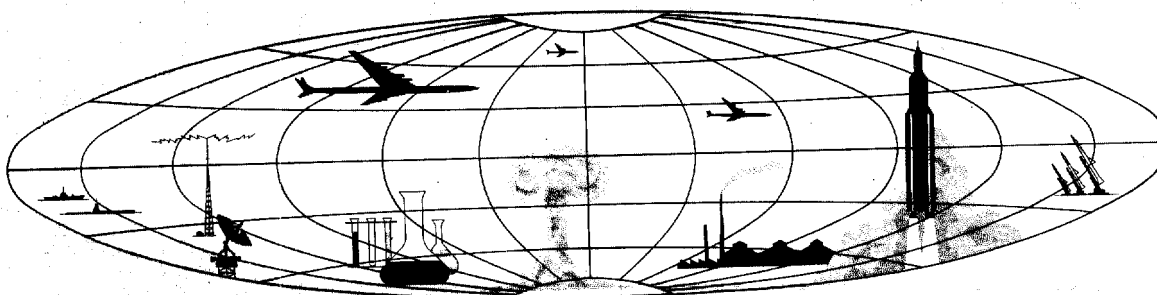
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3523, DATED 30 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 08317W

SITE ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

SIX APPARENTLY CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTER OUTSIDE COVERED HOLD POSITION, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVIEWED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 6 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND AN UNREVIEWED CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D

25X1A

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

AT LEAST 23 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS OBSERVED.

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HOLGUIN SAM SITE 2052N 07627W

25X1A

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS, CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE
HOLD AREA, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

25X1A

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES.
NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.
ONE VAN AND ONE SMALL VEHICLE ARE IN GUIDANCE
REVTMENT AND 10 VEHICLES ARE IN SUPPORT AREA.
PROBABLE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT PARKED IN REVTMENT
OUTSIDE OF RING ROAD.

25X1D

MAJANA SAM SITE 2241N 08249W

25X1A

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVTED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS,
3 CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITIONS, 10 VEHICLES, AND A
CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D

CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

25X1A

SITE CONTAINS 2 LAUNCHERS, 8 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE
TRANSPORTERS, 8 CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, AND AN
OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

25X1A

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OF MISSILE CRATES
AND TRANSPORTERS. APPROXIMATELY 60 VEHICLES VISIBLE.

25X1D

-AIRFIELDS-

HOLGUIN AIRFIELD 2048N 07618W

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MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D

-PORTS-

25X1A

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE PC, AND ONE
PF OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

25X1A

BANES PORT 2055N 07542W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT VISIBLE IN
CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

25X1A

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

25X1A

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 24 FREIGHTERS, 2 TANKERS, ONE PASSENGER
SHIP (), 6 TRAWLERS, 4 PC (ONE IN DRY DOCK),
ONE PF, ONE FERRY BOAT, 7 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, AND ONE
COASTAL TANKER.

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25X1A

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED
IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

-ELECTRONICS-

25X1A

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
TEN VEHICLES AND 10 VANS OBSERVED.

25X1D

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1A

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
FIVE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

25X1A

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED -- 9 LARGE,
ONE MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT, 39 TANKS/SP GUNS,
2 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 3 PROBABLE FROG
MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 7 FA PIECES, 76 CARGO TRUCKS,
9 UTILITY TRUCKS, 55 EIGHT-WHEELED APC, 13 POSSIBLE
POL TRUCKS, ONE VAN TRUCK, 125 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES,
13 CARGO TRAILERS, 9 PROBABLE CARGO TRAILERS, AND 2
LOWBOY TRAILERS.
THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.
THERE IS NO APPARENT CHANGE IN THE NEW TENT AREA.

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REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2227N 07934W

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED -- 13 LARGE, 22 MEDIUM, AND 19 SMALL TENTS, 35 TANKS/SP GUNS, 11 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 2 PROBABLE FROG LAUNCHERS, 9 SNAPPERS, 10 FA PIECES, 192 CARGO TRUCKS, 22 UTILITY TRUCKS, 9 POL TRUCKS, 2 VAN TRUCKS, 10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 61 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 9 CARGO TRAILERS, 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES, AND 4 POL TRAILERS. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS OCCUPIED. IN ADDITION, THE 3 CARGO TRUCKS WITH LOWBOY TRAILERS IN TOW ARE STILL PARKED NEAR THE MOTOR PARK AND AN ESTIMATED 75 TO 100 TROOPS WERE OBSERVED ON THE PARADE GROUND.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

[REDACTED]

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED -- AT LEAST 39 LARGE, 12 MEDIUM AND 13 SMALL TENTS, 12 TANKS/SP GUNS, 3 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 39 CARGO TRUCKS, 2 UTILITY TRUCKS, AT LEAST 25 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 5 TRUCK-MOUNTED TREADWAY BRIDGES. THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED. FOLIAGE AND SHADOW PRECLUDE A MORE DETAILED INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

[REDACTED]

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
FIVE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

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TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE OBSERVED IN THE AREAS LISTED BELOW --

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REFORMATORY PROPER -- 26 LARGE, 11 MEDIUM, AND 6 SMALL TENTS, 9 VAN TRUCKS, AND 12 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

MOTOR PARK AND BILLETING AREA, 0.3 NM SOUTH -- 9 LARGE, 17 MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF VEHICLES.

MOTOR PARK, 0.9 NM SE -- 69 CARGO TRUCKS, 4 UTILITY TRUCKS, 9 VAN TRUCKS, 105 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 4 CARGO TRAILERS.

AAA SITE, 1.5 NM SSE -- 2 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND 2 SMALL TENTS, 15 CARGO TRUCKS, ONE VAN TRUCK, 10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, AND 4 CARGO TRAILERS. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE REMAINS OCCUPIED.

BILLETING AREA, 1.9 NM SOUTH -- 13 LARGE, 6 MEDIUM, AND 12 SMALL TENTS, 22 CARGO TRUCKS, 3 UTILITY TRUCKS, 28 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 7 CARGO TRAILERS, 3 POSSIBLE K-61 TRACKED AMPHIBIANS, AND 4 PROBABLE HEAVY PONTON BRIDGES.

MOTOR PARK, 1.2 NM SW -- 14 PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS, AND 21 CARGO TRUCKS.

25X1D

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

25X1A

EIGHTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS, 19 PRIME MOVERS WITH TRAILERS, 9 UNATTACHED TRAILERS, AND APPROXIMATELY 300 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED IN AREA.

25X1D

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

25X1A

AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 17 TANKS/SP GUNS AND APPROXIMATELY 9 OTHER VEHICLES.

25X1D

GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

25X1A

NO VEHICLES OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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25X1A

BAJURAYABO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2308N 08210W

CAMP CONTAINS 12 FA PIECES IN TOW AND APPROXIMATELY
15 OTHER VEHICLES.

25X1D

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

EAST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 19 PRIME MOVERS,
APPROXIMATELY 25 CARGO TRUCKS, APPROXIMATELY 34 FA
PIECES, AND APPROXIMATELY 10 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
WEST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 23 PROBABLE FA PIECES AND
APPROXIMATELY 17 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OR PIECES OF
EQUIPMENT.

25X1D

LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

FOUR LOWBOY TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY 57 TRUCKS
IN CAMP. ADDITIONAL 13 TRUCKS FACING NORTH ARE PARKED
ON ROAD FROM CAMP.

25X1D

HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

AREA 1 -- 13 TANKS/SP GUNS, 2 VEHICLES.
AREA 2 -- 14 VEHICLES.
AREA 3 -- APPROXIMATELY 24 TANKS/SP GUNS.

25X1D

SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED 2254N 08231W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY NOTED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D

MINAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2306N 08211W

OLD QUARRY, ONE NM SOUTH OF MINAS AND .75 NM
WEST OF CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE,

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CONTAINS 6 PROBABLE BARRACKS-TYPE BUILDINGS,
APPROXIMATELY 15 MISCELLANEOUS BUILDINGS,
APPROXIMATELY 50 FA PIECES, AND APPROXIMATELY
175 TRUCKS.

25X1D

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-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

[REDACTED]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
AT LEAST 100 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN AREA.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

[REDACTED]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
ONE TRUCK OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

[REDACTED]

NO APPARENT CHANGE AT STORAGE SITES.
APPROXIMATELY 35 VEHICLES IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATION 2224N 07953W

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NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
ONE POSSIBLE HELICOPTER OBSERVED.

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE
LAST COVERAGE --

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SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3	2242N 08308W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W
TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES	2303N 08207W
CHAPARRA SAM SITE	2107N 07626W

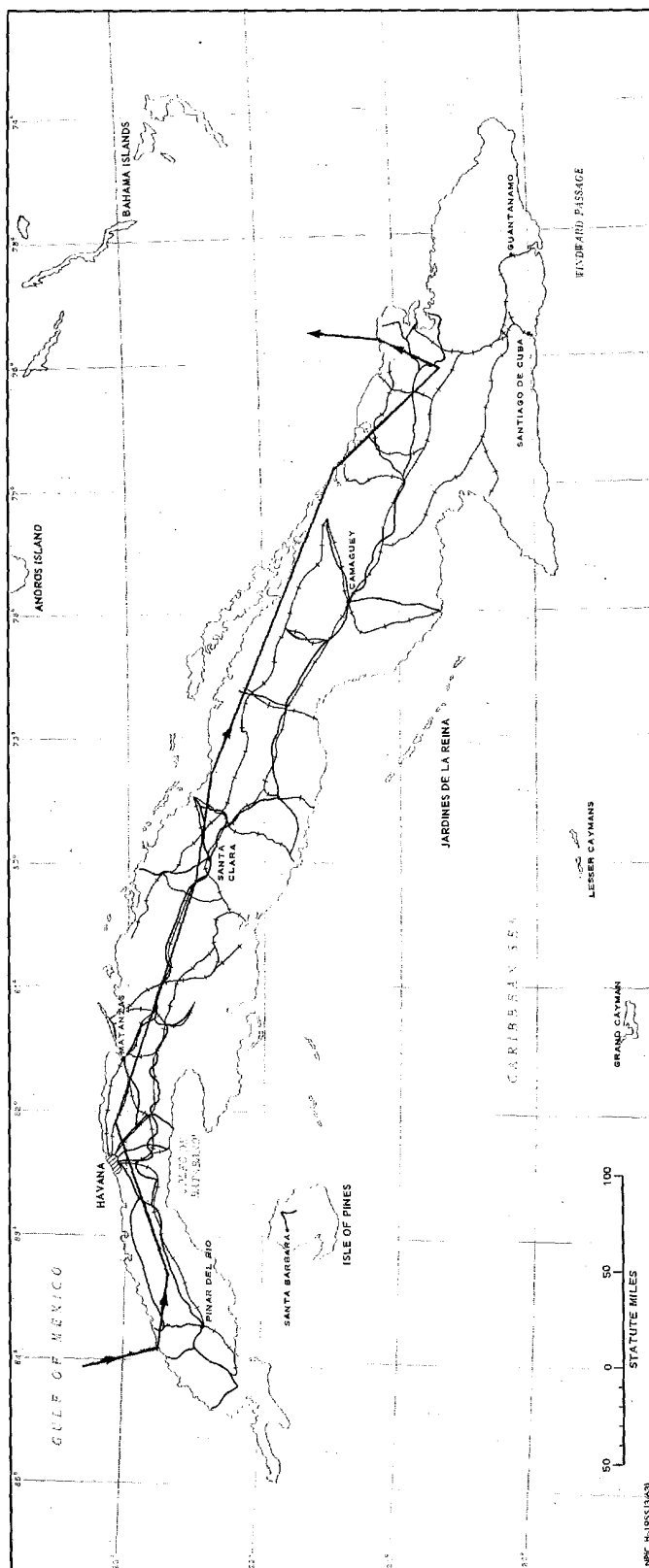
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08252W
MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2307N 08212W
HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2301N 08226W
SANTA CLARA AREA, MILITARY ACTIVITY	2221N 07957W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT
NOT INTERPRETED --

MARIEL SAM SITE	2300N 08249W
LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08242W
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08311W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W

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